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ACCESSION SHEET

Accession # 54 M 54

Location D6-g-3

Title August Belmont, Sr. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1853-1887

Date of receipt 1954

Received from Mrs. August Belmont, Jr.

Volume on arrival 0.5 l.f.

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 ½ AB, 1 FB; 0.8 l.f.

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description

(SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) Copper-plates

Temporary catalog card added entries

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Accessioned by *J. H. [unclear]*

Date *April 6, 1988*

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### Biographical Note

August Belmont, Sr. was a banker, diplomat, and a patron of the arts. He was born in the German Rhine Province in 1816 to Jewish parents. He married Caroline Slidell Perry, daughter of Commodore Matthew Perry (1794-1858), in 1849. Belmont began his career at the age of 14 in the office of the Rothschilds. He established the internationally known banking-house August Belmont & Co. during the financial panic of 1837. He served as Minister to the Netherlands from 1854 to 1857 under the Pierce administration. Belmont was appointed director of the New York Academy of Music in 1878; this appointment, which he held until 1884, was intended to resolve problems arising from previous bad management. In addition, Belmont collected objets d'art. He died in 1890.

### Scope and Content

The collection contains Letterbooks, Correspondence, and Minor Series. The five Letterbooks (1853-1858) record outgoing letters from the period that Belmont served as Minister at the Hague; many of these letters are to William Learned Marcy (1786-1857), Secretary of State, 1853-1857. Correspondence (ca.1878-1884) consists of letters regarding the management of the New York Academy of Music; correspondents include Levi P. Morton (1824-1920) and Charles Seward. There is also a file of personal letters which includes letters between Mrs. Belmont and Samuel Wylie Crawford (1829-1892), an author of books about the Civil War. Minor Series contain a Photograph, Personal and Household Papers, a Register, and Copper-plates. The Photograph is of Belmont; Personal and Household Papers include various memoranda and a record of Belmont's wine-cellar; the Register is a copy of visiting lists from the Hague and New York City; eight Copper-plates are for invitations, calling cards, and admission cards.

AUGUST BELMONT, SR.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	Letterbooks (1853-1858) (Six)
2	Correspondence (c.1878-1884)
3	Minor Series